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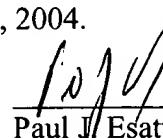
In accordance with 37 C.F.R §§1.97 and 1.98, it is requested that the following references, which are also listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, be made of record in the above-identified case.

1. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application No. Heisei 11-98479, dated April 9, 1999;
2. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application No. Heisei 11-355558, dated December 24, 1999;
3. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application No. Heisei 11-234264, dated August 27, 1999;
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The references listed above were cited in an Official Action dated January 13, 2004 received from the Japanese Patent Office. Applicant is submitting copies of the above references, together with a translation of the Examiner's comments regarding all of the references from the Official Action. Please note that the first reference cited in the Office Action, namely, Japanese Unexamined Patent Application No. Heisei 11-289255, dated October 19, 1999, was previously submitted in applicant's Information Disclosure Statement dated November 4, 2003. The relevance of the references is described in the Official Action.

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